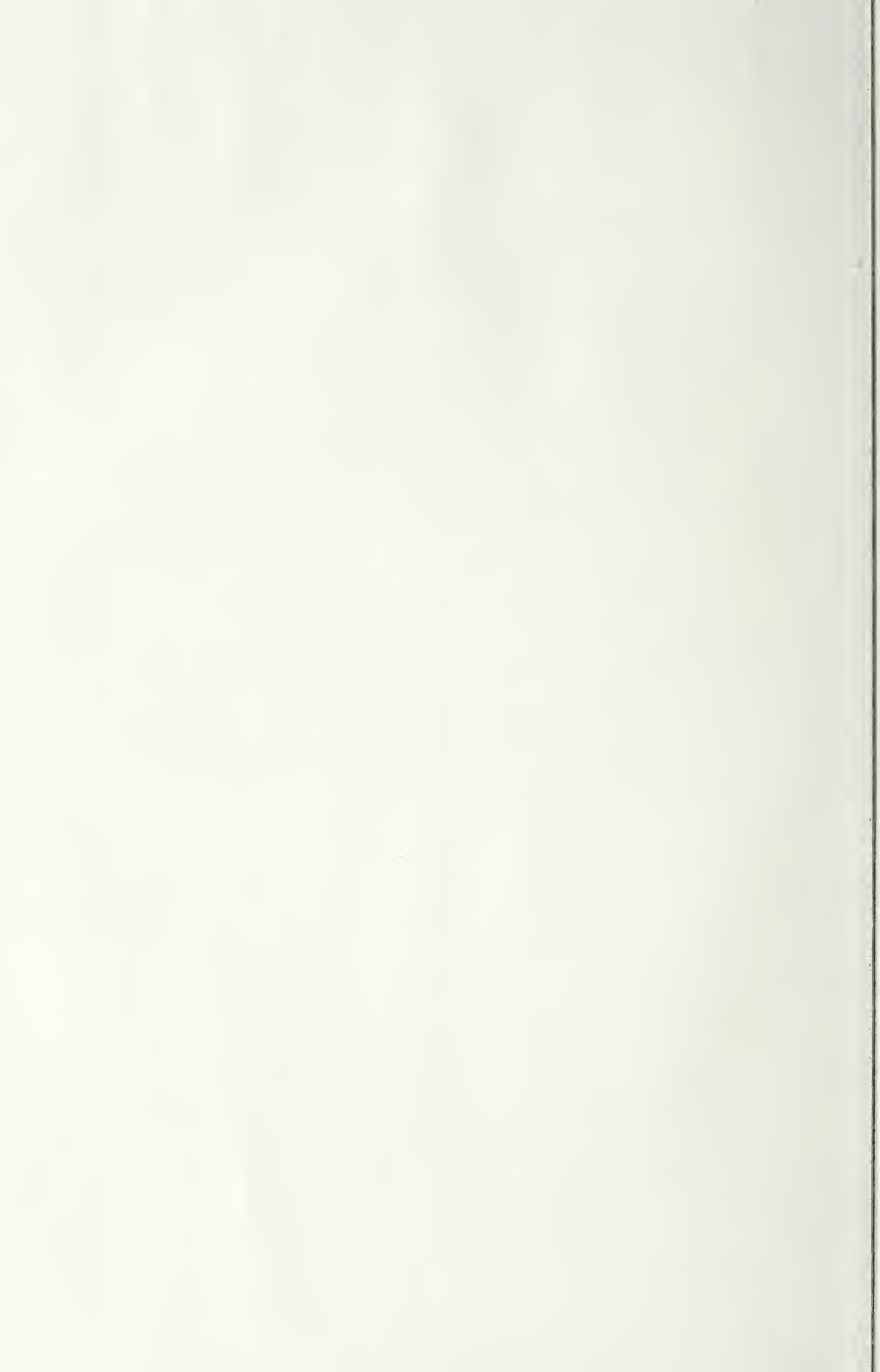




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TOWN OF LEYDEN MASSACHUSETTS

Established March 12, 1784

Incorporated February 22, 1809

Population U.S. Census 1980 - 498

First Congressional District

Franklin-Hampshire Senatorial District No. 11

Second Franklin Representative District

United States Senators

Paul Tsongas

Edward M. Kennedy

Representative in Congress

Silvio O. Conte

Governor

Michael Dukakis

State Senator

John Olver

Representative in General Court

Bill Benson

County Commissioners

Everett Hatch

Margaret H. Herlihy

John F. Bassett

Received of the
Hon. Secy of the Navy
the sum of \$1000
for the purchase of
the ship "Albatross"
for the service of the
U. S. Navy

Witness my hand
this 1st day of
Jan. 1872

John A. B. Smith
Comdr. U. S. Navy

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1983 - 84

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted. Terms expire as of Annual Town Meeting in the year noted.

Moderator	
George Howes	1984
Town Clerk	
Ruth Sevene	1984
Treasurer	
George Howes	1984
Collector of Taxes	
Laurence Hamilton	1984
(resigned 9-19-83)	
Marcia Provost	1984
(elected 9-19-83)	
Selectmen - 3 year terms	
Paul Zimmerman, Chairman	1984
Thomas Luck	1985
Edgar Collis	1986
Assessor - 3 year terms	
Winfield Peck, Chairman	1985
Wilheim Glabach	1984
Elwin Barton	1986
School Committee - 3 year terms	
Katherine DiMatteo, Chairman	1984
Sandra Facey	1985
Margaret Kaepfel	1986
PVRS School Committee - 3 year terms	
Laurel Glocheski	1984
(resigned 9-30-83)	
Mary Lou Heselton	1984
(appn't 11-15-83)	
Sandra Facey	1985
Robert Tracy	1986
Auditor	
Davis Bates	1984
Tree Warden	
Arthur Beaudoin	1984

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Library Trustee - 3 year terms

Sandra Facey, Chairman	1984
Lois Peck	1985
Doris Glabach	1986

Planning Board - 5 year terms

Peter Tusinski, Chairman	1987
Kenneth Spatcher	1984
Wendell Barton	1985
Claire Cobb	1986
Warren Facey, Jr.	1988

Board of Health - 3 year terms

Anthony Creamer, Chairman	1985
Richard Allis	1984
Michael Saracino	1986

Constables - 3 year terms

Richard Canedy	1984
Robert Snow	1985
Arthur Dobias	1986

Town Officers elected from the floor at the Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 1983 under Article 1 (for 1 year terms) were:

Fence Viewers

Philip Zimmerman
Casper Zimmerman
Warren Facey, Jr.

Field Drivers

Roland Johnson
Harold Johnson
Robert Croutworst

Pound Keepers

Arthur Dobias
Edwin Damon, Jr.
Harold Johnson

Surveyors of Wood & Timber

David Baker
Austin Dobias, Jr.
Edward Caron

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SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS 1983 - 84

Terms of office are for one year unless otherwise noted. The date following each name is the year their term expires.

Arts Council - 2 year terms

Patti Spatcher	1984
Laura Timmerman	1984
Laurie Meyer	1984
Richard DiMatteo	1985
Kenneth Stinson	1985

Building Inspector

Norman Barton	1984
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Civil Defense Director

Edgar Collis	1984
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Conservation Commission Members - 3 year terms

Michael Saracino, Chairman	1986
Edwin Howes	1984
Trish Crapo	1985
Richard DiMatteo	1985
Charles Olchowski	1986

Associate Members

Martin Cohen	1984
Joan Ainsworth	1984
Laura Timmerman	1984

Dog Officer

Ann Hermanson	1984
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Election Officer

Ruth Sevene	1984
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Energy Coordinator

Pamela Brown	1984
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Energy Resource Committee

Selectmen	
Building Inspector	

Fire Chief (Acting)

Edward Johnson	1984
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Assistant Chiefs

Arthur Beaudoin	1984
Ronald Barton	1984

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Franklin County Advisory Board	
Thomas Luck	1984
Franklin County Energy Task Force	
Pamela Brown	1984
Franklin County Planning Board	
Planning Board's Representative	
Kenneth Spatcher	1984
Selectmen's Representative	
Thomas Luck	1984
Hazardous Waste Coordinator	
Pamela Brown	1984
Highway Superintendent	
Edmund Ross	1984
Historical Commission - 3 year terms	
Edith Fisher, Chairman	1984
Marjorie Pochus	1984
Ruth Sevene	1984
Katherine Ainsworth	1985
Robert Snow	1985
David Bates	1986
Jessie Glabach	1986
Inspector Barns & Animals	
Edward Glabach	1984
Plumbing Inspector	
Paul Dahowski	1984
Police Department	
Arthur Dobias, Chief	1984
Richard Canedy	1984
Robert Snow	1984
Emergency Call Officers	
Russell Denison	1984
Russell Curtis Denison	1984
Carl Herzig	1984
Duane Scranton	1984

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Special Dog Officers

Norman Barton	1984
Lewis Muka	1984
Philip Zimmerman	1984
Edwin Damon, Jr.	1984
David Baker	1984

Recreation Committee

Arthur Beaudoin, Chairman	1984
Joan Ainsworth	1984
Elwin Barton	1984
Robert Croutworst	1984
Wayne Fisher	1984
Anne McCarthy	1984
Robert Snow	1984

Registrars of Voters - 3 year terms

Ruth Sevene, Town Clerk	
June Damon	1984
Edith Fisher	1985
Marcia Provost	1986

Town Counsel

Trudel Bartlett Barry Filler & Wilson	1984
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Veterans' Agent

Donald Vetterling	1984
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Wells Trust Representative - 5 year term

Laurel Glocheski	1987
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Zoning Board of Appeals Members - 3 year terms

Katherine DiMatteo	1984
Raymond Ainsworth	1985
Robert Snow	1986

Associate Members

Robert Provost	1984
Robert Saline	1984

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MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee - 3 year terms

Edwin Damon, Jr., Chairman	1986
Bernice Brooks	1985
Austin Dobias, Jr.	1984
Theodore Rosenberg	1985
Henrietta Blabach	1986

Vocational Education Study Committee

Ernest Landin
Mary Lou Heselton
Larry Smith
Gerald McCarthy

School Committee Representative

Katherine DiMatteo

- SELECTMEN'S REPORT -

This year has been one both of accomplishment and of exasperation.

The accomplishments include the completion of the new Town Garage, a boon in the trying times of a particularly severe winter when equipment problems were unusually frequent.

Resurfacing of West Leyden Road saved us from the break-ups which were common in recent winters; however, the cost of resurfacing greatly depleted our Highway Maintenance budget just prior to the expenses of winter. Meanwhile, the reconstruction of a half-mile of Greenfield Road is 95% complete and will be finished in the summer of 1984.

Finally, and this is the excellent news, the Town will be receiving a grant from the State to build a salt shed to keep our salt and sand under cover. With this new building we shall be able to prevent salt contamination of nearby wells, as well as prevent the general contamination of groundwater near the Town Hall.

We wish to thank the citizens of Leyden for their assistance, their faith and their patience in this difficult and trying year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul C. Zimmerman

Thomas J. Luck

Edgar Collis

Leyden Selectmen

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- LEYDEN IN RETROSPECT -

As this 1983 Town Report goes to the printer in the spring of 1984, the Town of Leyden is planning a June celebration marking our 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the District of Leyden on March 12, 1784. In honor of this historic event, we have included excerpts from former Town Reports for your edification and enjoyment.

"Fellow citizens;

Our expenditures for the past year have nearly all been kept within the appropriations.

The cost of maintaining our poor has been an unusually large for the number we had, but when you take into consideration the long and severe sickness of some of them, and also the burial expenses, you will not be surprised at the cost.

It has been the purpose of your overseers to practice economy in all their expenditures in this matter and at the same time to be just towards their fellowmen.

We have been heavily burdened with expenses of this kind for a long time, but we can say today, what we have not been able to say for neraly a half century, the town has no dependents. But we must not fail to make an appropriation for the support of the poor, for we cannot tell how soon some of us may be obligned to eat the bread of charity."

Selectmen's Report, year ending March 1, 1898.

"By the will of the late Maria F. Barstow, wife of the late Jervis Barstow, residents of Guilford, Vt., the town has come into possession of \$1,735.59, it being the residue of her estate, after paying certain expenses therein stipulated. This money is given to the town to be held in trust, the income of which is to be used for the support of the poor.

A peculiar significance attaches to this transaction from the fact that Mrs. Barstow was never a resident of our town and her acquaintance with the people was very limited. We trust that the receipt of this legacy will in a measure soothe the indignation aroused among our townsmen at the act which led to so worthy a deed by this noble woman."

Selectmen's Report, year ending February 15, 1901.

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"Fellow Citizens,

We submit our report of our labors, incident to our position as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, without any very extended remarks, simply placing before you, in an intelligible form, for your inspection, the whole record of our doings, from which record you can see where all this stream of money, annually wrung from your incomes, through the instrumentality of taxation, flows to. A great part of our outlay on the Highways has been for keeping open the roads in the winter of 1888, nearly \$400. This unlooked for, unusual outlay, has prevented our cutting down the Town debt as we had hoped for.

Annual Report of the Selectmen, 1889.

"By the will of Quintus Allen this town, together with several others, becomes the recipient of a sum of money each year to be expended for the public schools. It was, doubtless, the intention of the donor of this fund that the towns benefitted by it should have some advantage in its public schools not possible otherwise; if the town should decrease its expenditures from taxation because of this income, the purpose of the donor would be defeated, entirely or in part.

Supt of Schools Report, year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

School Expenditures were Salaries, \$873.00; books and supplies, \$170.88; fuel, \$46.49; Building fires & care of houses, \$15.30; Tuition & transportation of pupils, \$76.00; Miscellaneous, \$33.42; for a total of \$1,215.09.

Town Report, year ending March 1, 1898.

"Our experience this winter in the Center school-house goes to prove that it pays to keep our buildings in good repair. Before it was repaired it took three cords of wood every winter to keep that schoolhouse warm, where the other school required but two. This winter the usual amount of wood was put in, but one cord has been left over and yet the schoolroom has been more than usually comfortable."

School Committee Report, 1899.

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Spent on the Town Vault was \$4.35 to W.N. Potter for lim. and cement and \$14.85 to M.L. Mowry for brick.

Town Report, year ending March 1, 1898.

"Our Expenditures for the maintenance of the highways have been unusually large. It required quite an outlay to make the road safe for travel at the basin hole."

Selectmen's Report, year ending February 15, 1906.

"Highway Work at Basin Hole. Andy Park, Brooks, Erving Brothers, James Campbell, Harry Ryan, J.W. Black. J.W. Black was paid for land damages, labor, lumber and services. Total \$349.70."

Town Report, year ending February 15, 1906.

"We received the sum of \$20 from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Dumb Animals, the same to be expended in aiding to erect drinking fountains and watering troughs, and in accordance to their wish, two troughs were erected at an expense of \$19.75."

Town Report, year ending February 15, 1906.

"Fellow Citizens; - At the close of this fiscal year we find that while expenses have been heavier in proportion than last year, yet the outlook is better than a year ago. The two chief burdens out of the ordinary of the year have been the snow bills of \$366.00 and the fact that we were forced by the state to buy a duplicate set of weights and measures at a cost of \$93.00. Both are items which will not appear against us in the coming year.

An agreement has been reached with the selectmen of Colrain, and the State Harbor and Land Commission, establishing the much disputed boundary between Leyden and Colrain, upon the line which Leyden has long understood was its actual boundary."

Selectmen's Report, year ending February 14, 1911.

"Article XIV. To see if the Town will concur with the Board of Harbor and Land Commission in the proposed change in the boundary line between the town of Leyden and Colrain, so the same shall run as fellows: The boundary line between Colrain and Leyden shall be the west bank of Green River; from the northerly boundary of the town of Greenfield to the line between the states of Massachusetts and Vermont."

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"Article IX. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of guide boards." (signposts?)

Town Report, year ending February 14, 1911.

"The town was very fortunate indeed in receiving from James Robertson the gift of the Robertson Memorial Library, which was dedicated September 7th, and fortunate, also, in the fact that Mr. Robertson gave \$1,000, the income to be used in the care of the building, and his generosity was further shown in the gift of a new catalogue.

This simulated the State Library Commission to help in the work of cataloguing and arranging the books, and the State Commission further showed its interest by the gift of 104 new books, which included an encyclopedia of 24 volumes."

Report of Library Trustees,
year ending January 1, 1915.

"Also to bring in their votes on the same ballot with their votes for town officers, "Yes" or "No" to the question, "Shall this town accept the provisions of section forty two of Chapter five hundred and fourteen the Acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, which provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work for city or town employees."

Town Report, year ending February 14, 1914.

"Our expenses have exceeded our income this year largely on account of the flood of Aug. 4, which cost between \$700 and \$800. This, however, is but a slight cost compared with some of our neighboring towns, where the cost was from \$6,000 to \$8,000. Another item of expense for which there was no money raised was the town hall addition, costing \$249.13, and the highway accident, costing \$128.86."

Selectmen's Report, year ending January 1, 1916.

There were 93 children in the town's schools in 1915.

The Board of Health paid out \$50.60 for fumigating houses, for supplies for a family while under quarantine, and to Dr. J.W. Cram for medical aid in Diptheria cases. Snow bills were \$203.20. Selectmen recommended appropriating \$150 for gravelling state road. Teacher's salaries total \$1,960.00 and five schools were in existence.

Town Report, year ending January 1, 1917.

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"At the Center School an attempt is being made to do a year of high school work and one boy comes from West Leyden and another from Beaver Meadow to take advantage of this opportunity. It is hoped that none of the class doing advanced work will be content to complete his school life here but that each will soon enter upon opportunities and advantages for education not possible for Leyden to offer."

Town Report, year ending January 1, 1917.

Selectmens Recommended Budget for 1935 totaled \$16,165: included was \$9,000 for schools, \$25 for the library, and \$500 for snow removal.

"During the present year the number of schools has been reduced to three. The East School was closed because of the decrease in the number of pupils and the school transferred to and united with the Beaver Meadow School."

"The census showed 14 pupils each at South and Center Schools and 12 at Beaver Meadow. At area high schools Leyden had 15 pupils at Greenfield, 5 at Powers Institute, 1 at Northfield, and 4 at Arms Academy."

Supt. of Schools, Report, 1934.

"Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the Green River Bridge.
(\$60 was appropriated, it cost \$49.)

Article 17: To see if the town vote to accept the new highway on East Hill as laid out by the Selectmen, or raise and appropriate a sum of money to build the same.

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to transfer its interest in the East Hill cemetery to the East Hill cemetery corporation.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting two attested copies thereof one on the town house and one at the West Leyden Post Office."

Town Report, year ending February 14, 1914.

"Our expenses have been more than the ordinary the past year, which accounts for the inroad upon our surplus. There are several causes for this. The state obliged us to put a cement floor and steel shelving in the vault which made a net cost of \$272 and an extra appropriation of \$280 was made for the new school house.

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The most exceptional event in our school history during the past year is the completion of the new building at Beaver Meadow and I believe that the town is wholly to be congratulated upon its accomplishment.

Not only is the building itself and its location satisfactory and a credit to the town, but it sets an example to other similar towns in the matter of comfort and sanitation. The basement, the furnace, the foot-warmer in the hall, the vent-flue, the new furniture, and the slate blackboards, of modern type and as good as money could procure — all testify to the public spirited enterprise of the building committee who had the matter in charge and to the progressive character of the citizens who appropriated the money to make such a building possible."

Selectmen's Report, year ending Feb. 14, 1917.

"We retain the same three teachers as last year. Their work is praiseworthy and above criticism. They should be supplied with every modern device and the best textbooks available. They make most excellent use of all we have given them. The pupils show definite and uniform progress and are showing creditable progress in High School.

Supt. of Schools Report, 1935.

In 1936 only two farms were listed in the Assessor's Report as having more than 30 cows, three residents were raising a total of 5 swine, and only one farm kept sheep. Many had one or two horses, most had fowls, a cow or two and one or two heifers. The average dairy farmer had between 15 and 25 cows.

Yes, there was a person named George Lamb and he paid a total of \$149.68 in taxes on 1 horse, 13 cows, 3 heifers, 1 bull and real estate valued as follows: House \$400, barn \$600, other buildings \$100 and 140 acres of land \$2,700.

Assessor's Report, 1936

In 1937, a fishing or hunting license cost \$2 each, dog license cost from \$2 to \$5 each, a slaughtering license cost \$1, auctioneer's license \$2 and peddler's license cost \$3.

"In spite of few numbers and widely scattered houses, there is a civic pride felt by all the people of the town characteristic of some towns but absent in most. This civic unity is an attractive element in the life of the town as I have felt and seen it during the years I have been connected with the school. It is an admirable condition and should be fostered as no doubt it will be.

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On behalf of the pupils of Leyden, your children, I make the plea that definite action be taken in 1946 to bring about centralization of the Leyden schools. The School Committee has no authority on school housing beyond reporting deficiencies. This has been done. What action is to be taken rests with the citizens themselves. This decision must be theirs.

Supt. of Schools Report, 1945

"The annual physical examination of the school children was made an elaborate but efficient affair this year. All the children were taken to the Town Hall by the school buses and the regular physical examination and the new eye tests which require a place wired with electricity were given the children the same morning. The new eye tests were a very valuable addition to the examinations, and far more accurate than older methods in finding the pupils needing glasses.

A few more defects were found this year than last, but the general health of the children is good.

School Physician's Report, 1944

"An epidemic of whooping cough made it necessary to close the Beaver Meadow School early in December and the School Committee voted not to reopen this school until after the Christmas holiday. This proved to be a wise decision since no new cases developed and no pupil in either of the other schools caught the disease. This time will be made up during the April vacation and in June.

Supt. of School Report, 1944.

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- WARRANT -

FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss:

To Richard Canedy, Constable of the Town of Leyden

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, Monday the twenty-first (21st) day of May next at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

- One Moderator for one year
- One Town Clerk for one year
- One Treasure for one year
- One Collector of Taxes for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- One School Committee for three years
- One PVRs School Committee for three years
- One Auditor for one year
- One Tree Warden for one year
- One Library Trustee for three years
- One Planning Board member for five years
- One Board of Health member for three years
- One Constable for three years
- Three Fence Viewers for one year
- Three Field Drivers for one year
- Three Pound Keepers for one year
- Three Surveyors of Wood & Timber for one year

and fill any vacancies that may occur.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1984, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

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ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Town Officers for the year 1983, or pass any votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of jurors as posted by the Selectmen:

Theresia Beswick	Cornelia Reid	Cornelius Kennedy
Edith Fisher	Richard Canedy	Jacqueline Tracy
Harold Johnson	William Zimmerman	Ann Zimmerman
Hugh Sloane	Alan Johnson	Anna Johnson
David Mowry	John Chapin	Laurie Cohen

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended; and to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sums therefore, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Moderator - Annual Meeting	\$15.00	
Special Meetings (2)	\$5.00 each	\$ 25.00
Town Clerk & Registrar		650.00
Selectmen - Chair		550.00
Other Members (2)		1,000.00
Assessors - Chair		400.00
Other Members (2)		700.00
Treasurer		1,800.00
Collector of Taxes		1,200.00
Constable		55.00
Auditor		100.00
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		\$ 6,480.00

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sums of money for the necessary expenses of the town, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Town Clerk's Expense	\$ 800.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,000.00
Assessor's Expense	800.00
Treasurer's Expense	600.00
Tax Collector's Expense	600.00
Planning Board Expense	200.00
Fianance Committee Expense	25.00
School Committee Travel	
PVRs	300.00
Elementary	240.00
Dog Officer Wages & Expenses	500.00
Inspector of Barns & Animals	50.00

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Building Inspector	\$ 750.00
Tree Warden Wages & Expenses	800.00
Printing	1,200.00
Legal Expense	700.00
Visiting Nurse Expense	300.00
Memorial Day Expense	100.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Board of Health	50.00
Selectmen's Clerk	1,200.00
Selectmen's Administrative Assistant	3,040.00
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	\$ 13,605.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sum for the operation and expenses of the Police Department, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Salaries:	
Chief	\$ 2,000.00
Others	800.00
Telephones	300.00
Fuel, Oil & Vehicle Maintenance	550.00
Materials & Supplies	100.00
Training & Equipment	150.00
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	\$ 3,900.00

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sum for the operation and expenses of the Fire Department, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Utilities, Heat, & Building Maintenance	1,300.00
Equipment & Supplies	1,000.00
Training & Memberships	200.00
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	\$ 3,500.00

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Quintus Allen Money the sum of \$3400.00, and raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$96,281.00 for the maintenance of the School during FY 85, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$27,800.00 for the students attending the Franklin County Technical-Vocational School, or

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take any vote or votes in relation thereto

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$99,866.68 as Leyden's share of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District budget for FY 85, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$62,000.00 for Maintenance and Construction of the Town's Roads, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$21,000.00 for the Machinery Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,394.00 from the Library Incentive Grant Fund, and raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,106.00 for the Robertson Memorial Library Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,500.00 for the Town Building Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,350.00 for the regular highway employees Vacation and Holiday Pay, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$18,250.00 for insurance coverage on Town Vehicles, Town Buildings, Workmen's Compensation Insurance, Town Liability Insurance, Life & Health Insurance, Unemployment Compensation Insurance, and Employee & Town Officials Indemnification Liability Insurance, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Notes and Interest Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Reserve Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$150.00 to be paid to the Western Massachusetts Coalition of Governments and Institutions for the purpose of supporting an effective legal challenge to rate increase requests filed by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Conservation, Recreation and Scenic Land Acquisition Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Recreation Committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$45,800.00 to purchase a new Highway Truck, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,500.00 to purchase a Copier, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000.00 to purchase a parcel of land on South Schoolhouse Road, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the town will vote to authorize a formal petition for admission of Leyden to the Franklin County Vocational Technical Regional School District, said petition to request appropriate costs for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1985, such costs to return at a subsequent regular or special town meeting for any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1982, which creates Clause 41B (property tax exemptions for the elderly), or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Construction, Reconstruction and Resurfacing of the Town Roads, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Polls will be open at 11:45 a.m. and will be closed at 8:00 p.m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on the Town House seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands the second day of April in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

Paul C. Zimmerman

Thomas J. Luck

Edgar A. Collis

Selectmen of Leyden

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- SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT -

July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

Account	Appropriation	Transfer	Expenditure	Balance
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION				
SALARIES:	\$ 9,710.00			
Moderator			\$ 25.00	
Town Clerk			650.00	
Treasurer			1,800.00	
Selectman, Chairman			350.00	
Selectmen (2)			600.00	
Selectmen's Clerk			960.00	
Administrative Assistant			3,040.00	
Assessor's Chairman			350.00	
Assessors (2)			600.00	
Auditor			80.00	
Collector of Taxes			1,200.00	
Constable			55.00	
			<u>\$ 9,710.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
EXPENSES:				
Town Clerk	\$ 700.00	RF 190.00	\$ 873.81	\$ 16.91
Selectmen	550.00	RF 304.00		-0-
		RF 42.90	896.90	-0-
Assessors	600.00		267.55	332.45
Treasurer	600.00		422.13	177.87
Tax Collector	650.00	RF 104.31	754.31	-0-
Planning Board	100.00		95.62	4.38

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Account	Appropriation	Transfer	Expenditure	Balance
Finance Committee	\$ 25.00	\$	-0-	\$ 25.00
School Committee Travel				
PVRs	300.00		300.00	-0-
Elementary	235.00		235.00	-0-
Dog Officer	200.00		53.06	146.94
Inspector Barns & Animals	50.00		50.00	-0-
Building Inspector	500.00	RF 235.00	735.00	-0-
Tree Warden	800.00		388.00	412.00
Printing	1,000.00		619.00	381.00
Legal	500.00	RF 243.19		
		RF 25.00	768.19	-0-
Visiting Nurse	300.00		-0-	300.00
Memorial Day	100.00		74.00	26.00
Cemeteries	150.00		150.00	-0-
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POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Salaries	2,800.00		2,420.00	380.00
Telephone	350.00		256.02	93.98
Radio Repairs	200.00		27.50	172.50
Fuel & Oil	450.00	100.00		350.00
Vehicle Maintenance	500.00		328.13	171.87
Materials & Supplies (S.T.M.)		100.00	65.00	35.00
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	\$ 4,300.00		\$ 3,096.65	\$ 1,203.35

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Account	Appropriation	Transfer	Expenditure	Balance
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 3,500.00			
Telephone			\$ 355.41	
Heat			697.88	
Equipment Purchased			1,312.90	
Repairs & Maintenance			892.68	
Miscellaneous			97.55	
			<u>\$ 3,356.42</u>	143.58
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$82,996.00			
Quintus Allen	<u>2,800.00</u>			
	<u>\$85,796.00</u>		\$83,022.80	\$ 2,773.20
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FRANKLIN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL	\$24,080.00		\$23,082.90	\$ 997.10
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PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 450.00		\$ 229.88	\$ 220.12
Transportation				
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PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL	\$90,834.16		\$81,551.36	\$ 9,282.80
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HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	\$62,000.00			
Wages			24,139.11	
Hired Equipment			9,282.75	
Supplies & Materials			28,138.43	
Construction Matching Funds			439.71	
			<u>\$62,000.00</u>	-0-

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Account	Appropriation	Transfer	Expenditure	Balance
MACHINERY	\$20,000.00	RF 576.60		
Telephone			165.95	
Fuel			7,936.93	
Maintenance & Repairs			12,009.22	
Labor			464.50	
			<u>\$20,576.60</u>	-0-
MACHINERY EARNINGS				\$20,331.91
STATILIZATION	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	-0-
LIBRARY				
State Incentive Grant	\$ 1,900.00			
	<u>1,600.00</u>			
	\$ 3,500.00			
Utilities & Fuel			339.46	
Salary			1,725.25	
Books & Supplies			883.63	
			<u>\$ 2,948.34</u>	\$ 551.66
TOWN BUILDINGS				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,500.00	RF 368.06		
Utilities			\$ 1,373.32	
Fuel			1,559.49	
Repairs & Maintenance			449.60	
Miscellaneous			419.55	
			<u>66.00</u>	-0-
			<u>\$ 3,867.96</u>	

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Account	Appropriation	Transfer	Expenditure	Balance
VACATION & HOLIDAY PAY	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,773.00	\$ 27.00
INSURANCE	\$15,250.00	RF 148.05		
Cohn & Co.			8,567.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield			3,775.01	
Greenfield Savings Bank			74.48	
Old Republic Insurance Co.			1,907.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.			19.52	
Mass. Div. Employment Security			<u>1,055.04</u>	
			\$15,398.05	-0-
NOTES & INTEREST	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 2,994.48	\$ 3,005.52
RESERVE FUND	\$ 3,000.00			
Selectmen's Expense			346.90	
Article 26, Land Acquisition			150.00	
Tax Collector's Expense			104.31	
Town Clerk's Expense			190.00	
Legal Expense			268.19	
Insurance			148.05	
Building Inspector			235.00	
Machinery			576.60	
Town Buildings			<u>368.06</u>	
			\$ 2,387.11	\$ 612.89

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Account	Appropriation	Transfer	Expenditure	Balance
WMECo. RATE INTERVENTION	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	-0-
ENERGY GRANT				
Carryover from FY 82	210.00			
Bank Interest	5.07			
	<u>\$ 215.07</u>			
Pittston Petroleum			197.00	
Mass. Energy Resources			13.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.			<u>5.07</u>	
			\$ 215.07	-0-
TOWN GARAGE	\$60,000.00			
Special Town Meeting	<u>16,000.00</u>			
	\$76,000.00			
Architect			2,922.50	
Advertising			64.76	
Photocopying			<u>361.50</u>	
			\$ 3,348.76	\$72,651.24
RECREATION COMMITTEE	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,346.12	\$ 153.88
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 732.56	\$ 467.44
REVALUATION	\$14,000.00		\$ 9,150.00	\$ 4,850.00
LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 750.00	RF 150.00	\$ 900.00	-0-

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- TOWN TREASURER -

General Ledger Balance Sheet, June 30, 1983

ASSETS

Cash			
Invested	\$ 80,000.00		
On Hand & In Bank	<u>63,219.84</u>		\$143,219.84
Accounts Receivable			
Tax Real Estate 1982	389.16		
1983	23,383.36		
Personal Property 1983	<u>3,358.80</u>		27,131.32
Motor Vehicle Excise			
1982	25.26		
1983	<u>1,138.83</u>		1,164.09
Farm Excise			232.00
Tax Title			<u>6,748.35</u>
Total Assets			<u>\$178,495.60</u>

LIABILITIES

Revenues			
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,164.09		
Farm Excise	232.00		
Tax Liens	<u>6,748.35</u>		\$ 8,144.44
Reserved For Appropriation:			
Machinery Earnings	\$ 20,331.91		
State Aid to Libraries	1,650.00		
School Lunch	214.63		
Quintus Allen Legacy	<u>5,540.00</u>		\$ 27,736.54
Overlay			
1982	\$ 389.16		
1983	<u>8,463.89</u>		\$ 8,853.05
Overlay Surplus			\$ 16,593.30
State and County Over-Estimates			
County Tax	478.90		
State Assessments	<u>517.25</u>		\$ 996.15

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LIABILITIES (continued)

Appropriation Balances:		
Assessor's Valuation	\$ 4,850.00	
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		\$ 6,350.00
Payroll Deduction		214.46
Surplus Revenue		<u>109,607.66</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus Revenue		<u>\$178,495.60</u>

DEBT LEDGER

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1983

Balance, June 30, 1983	\$ 2,650.00	
Highway Equipment Notes		
No. 247, Due 3/1/84		\$ 2,650.00
Authorized A.T.M., May 20, 1976		
Interest at 6.5%		
	<u>\$ 2,650.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,650.00</u>

TRUST FUND LEDGER

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1983

Balance June 30, 1983	\$ 40,644.53	
Stabilization Fund		\$ 33,064.57
Marie Barstow		2,382.12
Principal \$1,000.00		
Robertson Library		1,594.11
Principal \$1,000.00		
Davenport Library Book		2,031.07
Principal \$1,000.00		
Davenport Poor & School		1,100.00
Principal \$1,100.00		
Beaver Meadow Cemetery		472.66
Principal \$390.00		
	<u>\$ 40,644.53</u>	<u>\$ 40,644.53</u>

George Howes, Town Treasurer

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Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Fiscal year July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983

Balance July 1, 1982		\$ 32,373.77
Receipts:		
Entitlements	\$ 7,774.00	
Interest	<u>3,530.38</u>	
		11,304.38
Receivable:		
July 1 entitlement		<u>1,922.00</u>
		\$ 45,600.15
Expended:		
Police Cruiser	\$ 732.56	
Town Garage Construction	3,148.76	
Recreation	<u>1,346.12</u>	
		5,227.44
Balance, June 30, 1983		<u>\$ 40,372.71</u>
Shawmut-Franklin County Bank	\$ 74.91	
Mass. Mutual Depositary Trust	38,375.80	
Federal Entitlement Due	<u>1,922.00</u>	
		\$ 40,372.71
Appropriations Not Spent:		
Garage Construction		
ATM 5/15/82	\$ 18,851.24	
STM 4/18/83	16,000.00	
Recreation		
ATM 5/21/83	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		\$ 36,351.24
Available for Expenditure		\$ 4,021.47

George E. Howes,
Treasurer

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Statement of Income and Expenditures

Fiscal year July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983

Balance Forward, July 1, 1982	\$110,745.79
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RECEIPTS:

Adjustment, July		573.05
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Taxes	\$272,372.55	
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Interest on taxes	1,427.37	
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Costs recovered	17.00	
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Total from Tax Collector	\$273,816.92	
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

School Lunch	\$ 3,401.78	
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School Aid. Ch. 70	10,276.00	
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Transportation, Ch. 71 & 74	13,630.00	
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Tuition	2,860.00	
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Loss of Taxes	391.37	
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Reimbursement, Abated Taxes	811.36	
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Local Aid, Ch. 58	31,953.00	
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Aid to Libraries	1,250.00	
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DPW Construction Contracts	22,636.00	
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Ch. 825, Maint. & Construction	22,936.00	
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Ch. 335 Pothole Grant	6,279.00	
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Total, Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$116,424.51
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Franklin County

Fines	95.00	
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Dog Refund	201.33	296.33
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Elementary School Lunch	1,661.66
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Interest, General Funds	7,106.21
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Machinery Earnings	1,187.27
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Dog Licenses	356.60
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Building Permits	585.00
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Other Licenses	262.00
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Sale of Town Property	325.39
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Chapter 61, Stumpage	250.48
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Quintus Allen Legacy	3,400.00
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Refunds:

Insurance	451.58	
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School Expense	286.18	
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Town Clerk Expense	9.10	746.86
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Receipts: (continued)

Miscellaneous		\$	85.00
Payroll Deductions			16,960.80
Davenport Poor & School Fund			62.61
Energy Audit Grant, Balance	210.00		
Interest	<u>5.07</u>		<u>215.07</u>
Total Receipts and Cash On Hand			\$535,061.55
LESS:			
Payments per Warrant			<u>391,839.84</u>
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1983			<u><u>\$143,221.71</u></u>

George E. Howes,
Treasurer

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Expenditures By Account - July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
	\$	\$	\$
Salaries	9,710.00	9,710.00	.00
Tree Warden	800.00	388.00	412.00
Machinery Expense (reserve \$576.60)	20,000.00	20,576.60	.00
Highway Maintenance	62,000.00	62,000.00	.00
Vacation & Holiday	1,800.00	1,773.00	27.00
Highway Construction			
Chapter 765		10,078.12	
Chapter 732		2,120.30	
Chapter 570		12.00	
Police			
Salaries	2,800.00	2,420.00	380.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1,050.00	355.63	694.37
Telephone	350.00	256.02	93.98
Materials & Supplies	100.00	65.00	35.00
Fire Department	3,500.00	3,356.42	143.58
Elementary School	107,526.00		
Quintus Allen Legacy	2,800.00		
Refunds	286.18	106,621.76	3,990.42
School Lunch (forward \$191.49) rec'd.	5,063.44	5,040.30	214.63*
PVRSchool	90,834.16	81,551.36	9,282.80
PVRS Travel	300.00	300.00	.00
Elementary School Travel	235.00	235.00	.00
Town Building (reserve \$368.06)	3,500.00	3,867.96	.10
Library	1,900.00		
State Aid to Libraries	1,600.00	2,948.34	551.66

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	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Garage Construction			
Revenue Sharing	\$ 38,000.00		
Stabilization	27,000.00		
Free Cash	11,000.00	3,348.76	72,651.24*
Insurance (reserve \$148.05)	15,250.00	15,398.05	
Notes and Interest	6,000.00	2,994.48	3,005.52
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	
WMECo Intervention	150.00	150.00	
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	2,387.11	612.89
Land Acquisition (reserve \$150.00)	750.00	900.00	
Dog Officer Expense	200.00	53.06	146.94
Printing	1,000.00	619.00	381.00
Building Inspector (reserve \$235.00)	500.00	735.00	
Treasurer Expense	600.00	422.13	177.87
Tax Collector (reserve \$104.31)	650.00	754.31	
Selectmen (reserve \$346.90)	550.00	896.90	
Assessors	600.00	267.55	332.45
Planning Board	100.00	95.62	4.38
Finance Committee	25.00	0.00	25.00
Town Clerk (reserve \$190.00)	700.00		
refund	9.10	882.91	16.19
Legal (reserve \$268.19)	500.00	768.19	
Visiting Nurse	300.00	0.00	300.00
Memorial Day	100.00	74.00	26.00
Cemetaries	150.00	150.00	
Assessors's Valuation	14,000.00	9,150.00	4,850.00*

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	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
All Others:			
Refund Motor Vehicle Excise		139.92	
Refund License Fee		10.00	
County Tax		14,401.03	
State Assessments		3,363.21	
Franklin County, Dog Licenses		559.75	
Franklin County, Retirement		3,599.50	
Board of Health		10.00	
Payroll Deductions	210.00	16,744.47	214.46*
Energy Audit Grant	5.07	215.07	
Interest Earned	50.00	50.00	
Inspector of Barns & Animals			
Total Expended		<u>\$397,815.83</u>	
Total Returned to Surplus			<u><u>\$20,639.15</u></u>

George E. Howes,
Treasurer

* Balance brought forward, FY 1984

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-REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR-

July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

	Real Estate		Personal Prop.	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
Balance Fwd.	\$ 15,640.07	\$ 0.00	\$ 61.20	\$ 0.00
Committed	0.00	269,346.60	0.00	11,583.40
Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Collectable	15,640.07	269,346.60	61.20	11,583.40
Collected	13,162.91	239,972.32	54.00	8,224.60
Abated	0.00	3,670.72	7.20	0.00
Tax Title	2,088.00	2,320.20	0.00	0.00
Balance Uncollected	389.16	23,383.36	0.00	3,358.80

	Farm Animal		Motor Vehicle	
	1982	1981	1982	1983
Balance Fwd.	\$ 232.00	\$ 63.33	\$ 1,267.79	\$ 0.00
Committed	0.00	0.00	2,645.70	8,379.00
Refunds	0.00	0.00	48.31	*121.24
Total Collectable	232.00	63.33	3,961.80	8,500.24
Collected	0.00	6.00	3,766.30	7,186.42
Abated	0.00	57.33	170.24	174.99
Tax Title	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance Uncollected	232.00	0.00	25.26	1,138.83

Tax Collected:	\$272,372.55	
Interest:	1,427.37	
Costs Recovered:	17.00	
	<u>\$273,816.92</u>	Paid To Treasurer

Fees Retained \$449.00

*1983 MVE to be refunded \$29.63

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurence Hamilton, Tax Collector

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-TOWN CLERK'S REPORT-

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for 1983

15	Resident Citizens Fishing	@ \$12.50	\$187.50
21	Resident Hunting	@ 12.50	262.50
39	Resident Sporting	@ 19.50	760.50
6	Non-Resident Alien Fishing	@ 17.50	105.00
3	Non-Resident 7 Day Fishing	@ 11.50	34.50
1	Resident Trapping	@ 20.50	20.50
1	Duplicate	@ 2.00	2.00
4	Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	@ 48.50	194.00
10	Resident Sporting (over 70)	@ Free	Free
1	Resident Fishing (paraplegic)	@ Free	Free
1	Resident Hunting (paraplegic)	@ Free	Free
3	Resident Fishing (65-69)	@ 6.25	18.75
2	Resident Sporting (65-69)	@ 9.75	19.50
20	Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	@ 5.10	102.00
1	Mass. Waterfowl Stamp	@ 1.25	1.25
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		Total	\$1,708.00
95	Licenses Sold - 95 Fees Retained	@ .50 =	\$47.50
20	Archery Stamps Sold - 20 Fees	@ .10 =	\$ 2.00
1	Waterfowl Stamp Sold - 1 Fee	@ .25 =	\$.25
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	Total Fees Retained		\$ 49.25
	Sent to Commonwealth		\$1,658.75

Audited 3/10/84
Davis R. Bares, III

Ruth L. Sevene,
Town Clerk

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- Dog Licenses -

January 1 to December 31, 1983

47 Males	@ \$ 3.00	\$141.00
12 Females	@ 6.00	72.00
40 Spayed Females	@ 3.00	120.00
7 Kennel Licenses	@ 10.00	<u>70.00</u>
	Total	\$403.00
106 Licenses Sold		
Fees Retained, (106 @ .75)		<u>79.50</u>
Sent to Town Treasurer		\$323.50

Audited 2/10/84
Davis R. Bates, III

Ruth L. Sevene
Town Clerk

-Vital Statistics for the year 1983 -

Marriages

June 18th, 1983

David E. Brooks and Susan L. Holmes

Deaths

February 2nd, 1983

Edith Y. Snow

Silver Springs, Florida

March 14, 1983

Ruth M. Herron

Greenfield, Mass.

May 3rd, 1983

George E. Hastings

Greenfield, Mass.

December 18th, 1983

Wayne L. Fisher

Leyden, Mass.

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Births

Date / Child / Parents

February 13th - Emily Ann Gronich Glocheski Rosenberg

Theodore Rosenberg

Laurel Ann Glocheski

February 25th - Stephanie Lynne Pollen

Michael Pollen

Noreen Dobias Pollen

June 19th - Jonathan Michael Scott Garfield

Scott Garfield

Nola Beswick Garfield

July 22nd - Rae Moore Cohen

Martin Cohen

Laurie Moore Cohen

July 27th - Patrick George Hall

Jeffery Hall

Gayle Elizabeth Davis Hall

July 31st - Brooke Mary Brown Saracino

Michael Saracino

Pamela Brown

August 26th - Kevin Phillip Bruso

Kevin Bruso

Lorraine York Bruso

August 27th - Nathan Robert Avery

Robert Avery

Debra Maguire Avery

October 3rd - Tasha Lee Larochelle

Duane Larochelle

Rozann Bocuzzo

October 6th - Samantha Lynn Barton

Elwin D. Barton

Mary Lou Johnson Barton

October 23rd - Jillian Irene Baker

James C. Baker

Vickie G. Baker

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-POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT-

During 1983 motor vehicle accidents were down slightly and the same for housebreaks and larceny. Acts of vandalism were way up. We fingerprinted 41 children for identification at three sessions and expect to do more this year.

Again we wish to thank residents for their cooperation.

Motor Vehicle accidents	9
Motor Vehicle complaints	2
Breaking & Entering	2
Larceny	2
Suspicious persons & vehicles	16
Vandalism	12
Shooting near dwelling	2
Dogs chasing deer	4
Fireworks complaints	2
Burglar Alarm calls	5
Missing persons	4
Summons delivered	3
Persons arrested	2
Citations issued	3
Assistance to other towns	5
Pistol permits issued	11
I.D. cards issued	4
License to sell firearms & ammo	2

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Dobias,
Chief of Police

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-FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT-

The volunteer fire department responded to ten calls during 1983:

- 4 Brush Fires
- 5 Chimney Fires
- 1 Mutual Aid call to Guilford, VT.
with the tanker for a residential fire.

Three reconditioned Scott Air Packs and 500 ft. of 1½" hose were purchased. The Firemen's Association donated an 1,100 gallon dump tank.

Eleven people successfully completed the CPR and first aid course qualifying them as "First Responders". Two volunteers completed the Protective Breathing and Search and Rescue course given by the Mass. Fire Academy. We also had several well attended pumping and water handling practices with the Bernardston Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Johnson,
Acting Fire Chief

-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED W. WELLS TRUSTEES-

The Fred W. Wells Trust adopted a fiscal year 1983-84 budget of \$109,753 to benefit residents in the participating towns.

Education grants of \$69,700 were awarded to assist 136 area students toward a variety of career goals. The most difficult task of the trustees has been to divide limited funds among the large number of highly qualified applicants.

The budget included \$34,750 for Medical-Health Care. Grants were made to Mohawk Valley Medical Center, Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice Program, The Alcohol Program of Franklin County, Adult Foster Care and Franklin County Medical Health Association.

Mr. Wells, in his will, required the Trustees to award prizes for agricultural accomplishments. This year, \$5,303 was awarded through the Franklin County Fair, Heath Fair, and Franklin County Technical School

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Ann Glocheski, Trustee

-VOCATIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT-

Committee meetings were held from October '83 through March '84. Material studied included, but was not limited to:

- review of historic vocational attendance, tuition and transportation costs;
- projections through 1990 of tuition and transportation costs as a non-member vs. operating and capital assessments as a member.
- 'buying in' costs for initial membership and source monies for effecting such;
- a review/projection of Revenue Sharing monies as possible supplement to 'buying in' factors;
- a review of process and timetable for requesting membership and subsequent District votes;
- characteristic of the program and student service space as a non-member.

At the final meeting on March 14th, attended by all committee members, all Selectmen and Supt. of Schools Harrington, the Committee voted to recommend petitioning the Franklin County Vocational School District for admission as a member town. An article to that effect is to be placed on the annual town meeting warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine DiMatteo

Mary Lou Heselton

Ernest Landin

Gerald McCarthy

Larry Smith

Study Committee Members

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-REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES-

Books and records circulated in 1983 totaled 4,920 as listed:

Adult	3,062
Juvenile	1,679
Records	179

Books borrowed from the Bookmobile totaled 774. The library purchased a total of 125 new books, most of which were juvenile. Included in these were books covering the summer "Read A Rainbow" program initiated by the Western Regional Library System on Channel 57.

For many years Henry and Jessie Glabach have mowed the grass around the Library Building during the summer, and in the winter have shoveled the snow and turned on the furnace before library hours. For all of this, we thank them sincerely.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Facey
Lois Peck
Doris Glabach
Trustees

-REPORT OF THE VISITING NURSE-

The Visiting Nurse & Health Services in Franklin County, Inc. continues to provide a comprehensive array of health services to residents in their homes. In 1983, the following services were rendered in Leyden.

Skilled Nursing Visits	95
Physical Therapy Visits	39
Home Health Aide Hours	694.5

The Agency has a large component of homemakers whose services are available to help the frail elderly to remain independent at home by assisting with light housekeeping, personal care, shopping, and errands. Referrals for any of the above services are accepted from physicians, hospitals, patients, and/or families. Call 774-2302 for services.

In addition, the agency provides for the Women's, Infant's, and Children's Supplemental Food Program (WIC) for all of Franklin County from our office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield. To enroll call 774-2302.

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School Committee

Mrs. Katherine DiMatteo, Chairperson	Term Expires 1984
Mrs. Margaret Kaepfel, Secretary	Term Expires 1986
Mrs. Sandra Facey	Term Expires 1985

Superintendent of Schools

Edwin F. Harrington
Westfield State College - B.S.E., M. Ed.
Springfield College - CAGS, Administration
Office - Route #10, Northfield - Tel. 498-2911

Administrative Assistant

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A.

Union Secretaries

Mrs. Michelle Curtis
Mrs. Eleanor Rafuse

Central Office Hours

School Days - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
School Vacation - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Teaching Principal

Miss Pearl Rhodes - B.A.

School Physician

William R. Buchanan, Jr., M.D.

School Nurse

Mrs. Pollyanna Davis, R.N.

School Calendar

School Opens Sept. 1, 1983	Close Nov. 24, 1983
School Opens Nov. 28, 1983	Close Dec. 23, 1983
School Opens Jan. 3, 1984	Close Feb. 17, 1984
School Opens Feb. 27, 1984	Close Apr. 13, 1984
School Opens Apr. 23, 1984	*Close June 19, 1984

*Subject to State Requirements

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To the School Committee and the Citizen's of Leyden:

The Leyden Elementary School opened its September, 1983, doors to 48 students, an increase from 39 of the prior year and a return to averages of more recent school years. The full time staff of Pearl Rhodes, Teaching Principal, Grades 5 and 6, Doreen Carlson, Grades 3 and 4, and Jeanette Allard, Grades K, 1 and 2, Cafeteria Manager, Ruth Tuller, and Custodian, Nan Rolstad, reflects the departure of Gail Healy to Greenfield. The support of shared personnel, Patrice Sweeney (Speech), Mary Pat Knowlton, (Title One), Polly Davis (School Nurse), Lucinda Howes Parmenter (Adjustment Counselor) and William O'Connell (Special Needs Adminsitrator/School Psychologist) represents funded grant and budget positions, all complimented by the administrative functions of School Union #18.

School year 1983-84, represents the third consecutive year that classroom staff has assumed the expanded responsibilities of art, music, and physical education - a direct result of Proposition 2½ percent action shared within system schools. Vocational education concerns resulted in appointment of a (5) person study committee currently in process, results to be made known to citizens at the Town Meeting, May 1984. We are appreciative that a comparison of current and projected costs are receiving attention and will be weighed against non-membership tuition, program access and committee representation.

As we move to a larger educational arena, we find that the spotlight on education has never been brighter, fueled by countless reports and assessments which in themselves generate rebuttal, design for change, and blueprint for upgrading the state of education in this nation. Although the glare may produce tension, anxiety, and defensiveness; it also produced investigative study and deliberation -- in short, it has placed education on the agenda of politicians, educators, statesmen, and the general public alike. We in education need to welcome such attention, remains open to discussion and forum, and willing to access our role, current status and future plans. We need to do this in the context of societal claims, student needs, and economic change, and to do it in an era of transition that is taking place in the home, school, and workplace.

Historically, public schools were to be secular and dedicated to the training of loyal citizens. The 'common school' was conceived as a device for welding a diversity of people into a single nation. Public education was so successful that American's began to look to education as the solution to immediate and long-term social problems. The public school has been an active instrument for social change in the

past 30 years, yet in hindsight, it seems unreasonable for the public to expect, and for the school to promise, to solve all problems against a backdrop of changing social values, single parent homes, drugs, teenage pregnancy, abortion, student rights, and television serving as the centerpiece of many homes.

At the same time, negotiated salaries, state, and federal mandates began to impact on school budgets, declining enrollment became fact, and critics begin questioning outcome and expenditure. The opinion polls were echoed in coffee shop, across board meeting and conference table -- the public was losing confidence in public schools.

The schools, in the midst of all this confusion, are asked to be the center of more traditional values and to return to a kind of education parents experienced. The conflicting economic and social pressures make it impossible for the school to relieve the frustrations borne by such events. Confusion abounds, technology soars, and people seem not to know what to do or where to turn for help. Most people, however, are sure about one thing, that the schools need to get back to the basics.

The phrase "Get Back to the Basics" has many meanings, from the fundamental position of the 3 R's, to broader definition resembling a liberal arts education. Given this background of confusion, international tension, nuclear holocaust, and technological change, is it any wonder that the schools, along with other institutions, are the target of attack and are being asked to be more traditional? Easy solutions cannot be found for complex problems and learning is a complex problem.

Part of the promise of the schools -- to provide universal education -- has been fulfilled. Fewer students drop out of school today than ten years ago and people today have completed more years of schooling. Illiteracy has steadily declined in this century. Public schools have also expanded their offerings and services, by providing programs for exceptional children, expanded health services, vocational training, career guidance, food services, adult and community education. Those who were historically underserved, blacks, hispanics, and the handicapped, are being brought into the educational mainstream.

This expansion has been in response to, and has been a reason for increased state and federal mandates and incentives. Today, however, there is a feeling that this investment has not provided what really counts, the high levels of academic achievement as determined by commercial tests. The results of the National Assessment

of Educational Progress, the decline in SAT scores, and the results of basic skills testing have provided critics with what they consider as ample evidence to document their charges. Educators have been slow to react and respond to critics -- we need a game plan. We need to acknowledge that many programs have been added to a school day and year that has remained basically unchanged. We, as educators, failed to tell the public that not all demands could be met without change in forms, focus, and curriculum. The public, not being told, and educators not requesting change to meet expectation, fell back on old recipes -- hence a 'back to basic' cry emerged. We now need to assess whether back to basics responds to and answers the question and the needs of our changing society.

While the response in Massachusetts was focused upon reading, writing, mathematics, listening, and speaking, this has not satisfied what is really needed. The Massachusetts response to the negative perceptions about education seemed to be more of a political response to the dilemma, rather than an educational assessment of the total problem. Both subject matter, content, and the process of education will need to be readdressed and redirected if the credibility public schools seek is to be realized.

It is often easier to identify problems than to solve them, yet schools need to recognize and deal with:

- the demand of public and private employers on schools to produce higher levels of literacy and more mature behavior in high school graduates;
- the development of student integrity, work ethic, respect for law and the rights of others;
- to control costs and provide a financial efficiency and effectiveness in education;
- to provide access and equity in education for a growing minority constituency.

There are many other claims but these constitute a homily, yet basic agenda. The pressures on efficiency will continue to grow, cost savings on things and the larger costs of people will raise debate on differentiated pay, redefined roles, and structuring of organizational patterns. Minorities, constituting more than 50 percent of school enrollment in the year 2000, will demand fair treatment in the nation's schools.

Students needs also demand a high priority, summarily they include;

- an increasing need and capacity to meet new situations, solve unexpected problems and deal with unforeseen circumstances

growing from new technology and accompanying change in institutions and organizations serving students;

- being served by schools with a concern for the quality of student life while in school - a rethinking of the schools role as a human institution responsible for the processes of maturing and intellectual growth;

- recognition that education is stimulated outside the school by television, home computers, part-time jobs, and special family experiences, and (they) will seek recognition of these out-of-school achievements.

The re-thinking of curriculum, the retooling and modification in teaching methods, the increasing introduction of the computer, a new emphasis in science, math, the humanities, and social sciences, will be predicated on the fact that technological change is so rapid, that training for a present vocation likely to be obsolete, can be served by emphasizing fundamentals, and letting the workplace extend skills developed at school in students adaptable to change and capable of solving problems within the field of change.

While schools need open and honest self-examination of climate, they need not be bombarded by media attention to perceived shortcomings, nor blamed for national dilemma not always in fact, at local or area levels. Although careful not to evoke a 'not me' syndrome, it is important to note that public schools are still the great equalizers. Political realities notwithstanding, it is still possible for a student from the poorest of families to rise up through the public school system and achieve personal intellectual satisfaction and accomplishment, as well as rise to the top of the socio-economic ladder. There is no other institution that translates the American values of hard work and the intrinsic worth of the individual into hard realities and opportunities. Education preserves traditions especially during times of rapid change and innovation. Our current society is probably changing faster than at any time in the past. It is the school that acts as a stabilization force amid all "future shocks" and confusing realities. Public education, despite the complexity of current problems, is still the underpinning institution of a free American society.

Returning to specific events and happenings within our system schools, we become aware of the following:

Basic Skills Improvement: We are in our fourth year of competency testing in regulated areas of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Listening, grades 3,6,8, and 9. Our results continue to be excellent at the elementary level, progressively competitive at the secondary level, and exceed state reported medians. At the state level, a pro-

posal has been introduced to mandate state-wide standards, test instruments and published performance. Attached to this proposal are financial incentives for systems exceeding such levels and for those in need of remedial support to reach prescribed standards. Companion state curriculum proposals, especially at the high school level, are much a part of the political financial, educational atmosphere and at least a year from any compromise implementation. In the interim, described testing will continue, we will disseminate local results and confer with parent, effect signaled remedication and fulfill our report mandate, as before.

Pre-Kindergarten Developmental Program - Screening Process: We have completed five years of developmental screening of entering students, supported by a September 1 entrance age policy. We have also completed three years of a successfully funded and implemented Pre-Kindergarten program under Title IVC. Less visible, but of lingering value, are the by-products of a K-3 Developmental Curriculum, staff in-service, research and publication, and an increased awareness of child growth and development. Our new kindergarten report card displays such awareness and the project will leave an indelible mark on future screening process. We, as a small rural system, bask in area and state recognition and feel badly that financial restriction must terminate our program, at least for the immediate future. Parents may feel secure that proven features of our involvement with many field professionals will continue in on-site program characteristics and strategies.

Advanced Programs: Project Explore, in its fifth year at Northfield Elementary School, and fourth at Bernardston Elementary School, has served well over one hundred students, inclusive of tuition members from system towns of Leyden and Warwick. At the secondary level, Creative Enrichment Program, a modification of TAG, continues in its fourth year of operation. Both programs have been reviewed, display some modified criteria and format, and continue to serve referred and screened students, grades 4-12, whose creative and academic capacities deserve challenge and expansion. Our low cost program profile responds to the needs of our small community student population and remains receptive to assessment and modification, deemed necessary.

Enrollment - Resource - Staff Alignment: System-wide, 1983-84 enrollment remained comparative to levels of the past (3) years, although entering kindergarten displayed the first resurgence of a predicted return to numbers of the late 70's. A projection of future student population reveals steady, modest growth at the elementary level coupled with steady decrease at grades 7-12, through 1990, as a small grade total works its way through the student population profile. As a system of (4) towns, we continue to feel the lingering

effects of a limited birth rate, transfer to private and alternative schools, on-going operation of the Franklin County Technical School (1976) and the alignment of Gill with the Gill-Montague Regional District (1981). We are also appreciative of students who have returned from alternative school settings to the public schools after a 1-2 year hiatus. Realistically, we will remain at current student totals through 1990, although there will be movement from the secondary to the elementary within our system population. Individual system schools will need to respond to shifting assignment needs within respective buildings and to tailor staff, building, and program to restricted financial resources in a rapidly changing world -- one that will impact on the educational setting in the immediate future. Three years of stringent financial action has been offset by a resourceful commitment of staff and community, yet for some, Fiscal Year 1985 will require difficult Committee and Administrative decision as the cumulative effects of delayed maintenance and replacement become obvious.

Most citizens are aware that recent school years witnessed reduction of staff, merging of position, space reduction, and increased assignment responsibility. Schools are not immune to fluctuating federal and state support nor do our service functions, transportation, and lunch programs escape scrutiny and responsive action during these restrictive times. At this writing, a number of legislative proposals effecting educational support rest in committee, the ultimate financial compromise as yet unknown.

Our counter effect has emerged -- energy (fuel) consumption has steadily decreased in volume and cost and is a direct result of cumulative efforts that include insulation, storm windows, weather stripping, computer monitoring system (PV), and a staff consciousness that has released energy dollars to educational areas. Surprisingly, fuel costs are at or lower than electrical budgets in some of our member schools. We now need to look closely at either reduced utilization of school buildings and or multiple public use, the latter potentially beneficial to total town fiscal expenditure levels.

Technological Future: We are not insulated to the impact of computers on our society, its schools or places of work and have responded via grant funds and limited budget monies to provide some (14) computers at Pioneer Valley, (4) at Northfield, (2) at Bernardston, and one each in Warwick and Leyden. They are utilized in the computer laboratory media center, guidance area, business department and in the classroom centers at the elementary schools. Staff in-service and workshops on-site has promoted attendance at area courses and our student participation will expand as we grow in

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literacy has become in our changing society, we remain alert to a need for balanced curriculum.

Secondary Issues: Pioneer Valley Regional has completed a year of self evaluation followed by a visiting accreditation process; the positive results and recommendations to be reflected in a follow-up report, September 1984. This year the master schedule, an ever present specter in secondary schools, displayed an eight day cycle, inclusive of periodic activity periods in an effort to provide maximum course flexibility and student participation. Our athletic program has gained stature and recognition on a number of activity levels and has a resultant positive effect on student morale, self worth, and school pride.

Future Concerns: We are beginning to see the visible edge of a predicted teacher shortage, especially in math, science, computer background, and the special certification areas required within our special need assignments. Historically, smaller systems, geographically removed from population centers, and not highly competitive of salary, are the first to witness such change. On a larger scale, we know that fewer students are being enticed into the teaching profession for obvious, known, and much discussed reason.

A second area will appear in greater magnitude at the secondary level as a smaller, projected student population pose course and class enrollment concerns in the immediate years ahead. The size and scope of course offerings and curriculum boundaries will require support of modest enrollment levels if we are to provide a viable education program to member students.

Financially we have delayed serious Proposition 2½ impact during its initial (3) year reign - - we now face decisions that follow exhaustive alternative action and will be pressed to meet the demands of numerous constituencies existing within the total population of member town. Cooperative planning, sharing, and educated utilization of reimbursement revenue by responsible parties aware of short and long range needs of our educational program, is imperative.

In summary we continue to feel supported by volunteers, parents, staff, and system communities in our educational effort. We are sobered by the existing realities of our time and concerned by the pending implication of arapidly changing society. The public school, with its long-standing traditional, stability, and potential for meeting the challenge of change will test your support and your willingness to meet the need of our youth.

For the Committee,
Edwin F. Harrington,
Superintendent of Schools

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-Leyden Elementary School Committee

	EXPENDED 1/1-6/30/83	APPROPRIATED 83 - 84	EXPENDED 7/1-12/31/83	BUDGETED 84 - 85
1000 Administration	\$ 2,550.29	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 2,116.98	\$ 5,454.00
2000 Instruction	31,957.89	47,850.00	14,980.07	51,283.00
3000 Other Services	14,931.78	33,215.00	10,689.89	31,037.00
4000 Operation and Maintenance	7,621.56	12,804.00	2,808.45	10,525.00
5000 Fixed Charges	784.40	1,133.00	226.77	1,857.00
7000 Acquisition of Equipment	210.55	11.00	-0-	1,875.00
9000 Programs w/other Schools	19,674.90	25,410.00	-0-	25,450.00
TOTALS	\$ 77,731.37	\$124,663.00	\$ 30,822.16	\$ 127,481.00

NET COST OF EDUCATION - 1983 (K-12, incl. Voc.)

Expenditures - Elementary School	\$ 108,553.53
Expenditures - PVRs - Leyden Share (9.07%)	\$ 119,174.81
Reimbursements:	
School Aid, Chapter 70	\$ 13,526.00
Regional School District Tuition	2,860.00
Transportation	13,630.00
Reimbursements paid - PVRs	\$ 30,016.00
	<u>25,538.00</u>
Net Cost to Schools	<u><u>\$ 172,174.34</u></u>

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-Leyden Elementary School Committee-

REIMBURSEMENT AND NET COST (K-12)

Year	Expenditures	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per Pupils
1973	133,879.88	76,008.74	56.8	57,871.14	119	486.31
1974	140,025.46	83,598.09	59.7	56,427.37	124	455.06
1975	171,673.65	45,990.77	26.7	125,682.88	121	1,038.70
1976	173,395.26	91,992.23	53.1	81,403.03	104	782.72
1977	180,199.84	57,665.57	32.0	122,534.27	108	1,134.58
1978	197,047.92	46,848.31	23.8	150,199.61	114	1,317.54
1979	197,476.56	42,931.42	21.7	154,545.14	110	1,404.96
1980	219,472.07	49,886.34	22.7	169,585.72	96	1,766.52
1981	218,749.70	46,043.64	21.1	172,706.06	82	2,106.17
1982	209,153.72	54,773.44	26.2	154,380.28	78	1,979.23
1983	227,728.34	55,554.00	24.4	172,174.34	83	2,074.39

Fiscal Year 1985 - \$127,481

Elementary Budget =

\$ 99,681

Voc. Tuition/Transportation =

\$ 27,800

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Leyden Enrollment Report

October 1983

<u>Elementary:</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
	K	6	3	9
	1	4	3	7
	2	2	0	2
	3	6	1	7
	4	6	2	8
	5	0	4	4
	6	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
		31	17	48
<u>PVRS:</u>	7	4	3	7
	8	3	5	8
	9	1	3	4
	10	1	2	3
	11	1	2	3
	12	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
		11	17	28
Franklin County Technical School:				7
Northfield Mt. Hermon School				2
Full Circle School:				0
Holy Trinity School:				5
Bement School:				0
Eaglebrook:				0
Winston Prouty:				0
Franklin County Educational Collaborative:				0
Greenfield Center School:				1
Deerfield Academy:				0

School Lunch Program - 1983

Opening Cash Balance - January 1, 1983	(\$-217.75)
Receipts	\$4,957.37
Transfer from Contingency Acct.	<u>\$1,032.67</u>
	\$5,990.04
Disbursements	<u>\$5,584.33</u>
	<u>405.71</u>
Closing Cash Balance - December 31, 1983	<u>\$ 187.96</u>

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**Pioneer Valley Regional School District
1983 - School Committee**

Mrs. Carol Haskell, Chairperson	Bernardston
Mr. Roger Doiron	Bernardston
Mrs. Linda Franklin	Bernardston
Mr. Robert Tracy	Leyden
Mrs. Mary Lou Heselton	Leyden
Mrs. Sandra Facey	Leyden
Mrs. Patricia Shearer	Northfield
Mrs. Suzanne McGowan	Northfield
Mrs. Mary Llewelyn	Northfield
Mr. Robert Foote	Warwick
Mr. Mark Maynard, Vice Chairperson	Warwick
Mrs. Joyce Ray, Secretary	Warwick
Mrs. Sharon Finnell, Treasurer	Northfield

Annual Report of the Principal - 1983

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Education was certainly the topic of much conversation in 1983. Spurred by several national reports, education received a lot of attention ranging from a concerned public to professional educators. Politicians soon jumped on the band wagon and before you knew it everyone had a plan for turning things around. While it is beneficial to be in the spotlight, we must proceed cautiously to ensure that in our efforts to rid ourselves of what is wrong with our institutions we do not also discard what is right - and much is right.

We at Pioneer take great pride in the quality of educational services offered to the young people of our communities. Since the New England Association's visit to Pioneer in 1982, we have taken steps to make what they classified as an excellent school, even better. For example, we have established a number of committees which provide opportunities for faculty involvement thus enabling on-going review and evaluation of courses, programs and activities. Some of the committees also included students where their perspective is needed. The standing committees which make monthly reports to the entire faculty are as follows:

1. Curriculum
2. Special Events

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3. Talented & Gifted
4. Student Affairs
5. Principal's Advisory
6. Superintendent's Advisory
7. Peer Counseling
8. Basic Skills
9. New and Emerging Ideas

The year 1983 brought many positive additions/changes to our curriculum and co-curricular programs as well as in-service projects. Following is a summary of many of them.

- A. Federal/State Project Grants written by staff members were approved and funded for the 1983-1984 school year.
 1. Block Grant (Secondary) made available \$5,059.00 in funds enabling us to purchase, among other things, two additional computers.
 2. Special Needs - Grant awards enable us to continue to
 - a. Title I tutor of remedial math services
 - b. Speech Therapy (part time)
 - c. Adjustment Counselor (part time)
 3. Occ. Ed. Grant (Business Dept.) \$2,999.00 continuation of Computer Literacy in Business Program.
 4. Commonwealth In-Service Grant - \$1,799.00 - Culture and Survival: An Interdisciplinary Approach.
- B. Curriculum
Modification of our master schedule has provided an opportunity for students to enroll in more classes by reducing course conflicts.
- C. Other Changes
 1. New and/or Reintroduced Courses for 1983 - 1984
 - a. Shorthand
 - b. Chorus
 - c. Speech
 2. Modifications
 - a. Social Studies - Shift in emphasis to geography and the History of the United States in Grade 8
 - b. Social Studies - World History gr. 9 replaces Modern European History.
 - c. Math - strengthened credit requirements
 3. Adult Education - Six courses were offered in Spring '83
 4. Parent/Teacher Conferences were introduced and were very successful.

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5. Activity Period - introduced to minimize class disruption by class meetings, assemblies, etc.
6. Athletics - Pioneer's teams bring a lot of pride to the school. Especially noteworthy are the accomplishments of the Cross Country and Boys Basketball teams who won Division Titles during school '82 - '83.
7. Energy Conservation Projects -
 - a. Window quilts in two classrooms
 - b. Introduction of plan to replace glass (when broken) with insulated panels.
 - c. The computerized Energy Management System and the insulated roof continue to help us save on energy costs.

Enrollment

The Enrollment as of December 1, 1983 were as follows:

Grade-	Boys-	Girls-	Northfield-	Bernardston-	Leyden-	Warwick-	Total
7	33	46	39	24	7	9	79
8	41	39	33	31	9	7	79
9	19	32	27	17	4	3	51
10	25	33	31	19	3	5	58
11	24	31	25	21	3	6	54
12	<u>29</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>50</u>
	171	204	179	134	29	33	375

This figure reflects an increase of 7 students over the previous year; 14 students more than December 1, 1981.

Chosen Careers

The 52 members of the class of 1983 made plans for the future as follows:

4 - year college	14	27%	
2 - year college	15	29%	
Short-term -			
other schoolings	2	4%	60% to further education
Military	7	12%	
Work	<u>14</u>	<u>27%</u>	

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1983 marked the 25th Anniversary Year for five of our staff members:

Mr. John Trumbell - Social Studies

Mr. William Messer - Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

Mr. John Callahan - Science

Mrs. Nellie Barber - Cafeteria

Mrs. Beryle Hammond - Home Economics

These five dedicated people are representative of the high caliber personnel staffing Pioneer Valley Regional School. They and their colleagues are what makes Pioneer the excellent educational institution that it is. As long as we are fortunate enough to have teachers willing to work as hard for the interests of our students as these, we will continue to provide quality programs which graduate quality students. If all the schools in the country were like Pioneer, we would not be a "Nation at Risk".

My sincere thanks to Superintendent Harrington, my School Committee, my faculty and staff, our students, and the parents and citizens of our school district for their unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of their school and its students in 1983.

Thank You for providing me with the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evrett H. Masters,
Principal

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**Pioneer Valley Regional School District
School Committee Financial Report**

December 31, 1983

		Fiscal year 1983		Fiscal Year 1984		FY 1985
		Appropriated	Expended	Appropriated	Expended	Budget
1000 Administration	\$	40,804.00	19,997.12	42,491.00	19,508.85	42,904.00
2000 Instruction		855,305.00	302,007.42	919,823.00	329,130.28	956,501.00
3000 Other Services		140,228.00	55,748.80	148,860.00	60,369.47	156,405.00
4000 Operation & Maintenance		195,107.00	61,684.18	188,721.00	70,830.42	173,666.00
5000 Fixed Charges		84,190.00	43,393.27	97,289.00	57,364.55	125,933.00
7000 Acq. of Fixed Assets		4,055.00	3,292.20	5,898.00	7,745.84	3,911.00
9000 Programs with others		50.00	147.65	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTALS	\$	1,319,739.00	486,270.64	1,403,082.00	544,949.41	1,459,320.00

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Fiscal Year 1985 - Operating Budget

Operating Budget			
Reduced By:			\$ 1,459,320.00
Anticipated State Reimbursements:			
Regional School Aid	\$	105,000.00	
Transportation		110,000.00	
State Ward		5,000.00	
Chapter 70, School Aid		121,500.00	
Miscellaneous		22,000.00	
Excess & Deficiency:			
Voted from existing E & D		20,000.00	
Projected FY 84 Surplus (Budget)		5,000.00	
			<u>388,500.00</u>
To be apportioned among member towns			<u>\$ 1,070,820.00</u>
Apportionments:			
Bernardston - 141.3/390.5	\$	387,465.51	
Leyden - 37.2/390.5		102,017.02	
Northfield - 178.0/390.5		488,101.17	
Warwick - 34.0/390.5		93,236.30	
TOTAL			<u>\$ 1,070,820.00</u>

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PVRSD - Report of the Treasurer

For The First Six Months of FY 1984 - July 1 to December 31, 1983

Balance on hand July 1, 1983	\$ 209,418.00		
Receipts - July 1 - December 31, 1983	<u>778,284.99</u>		
	\$ 987,703.07		
Less Disbursements - July 1 - December 31, 1983	<u>737,703.23</u>		\$ 249,999.84
Distribution of Funds - Operating			
Mass Municipal Depository Trust	\$ 249,812.46		
Shawmut Bank of Franklin County	<u>187.38</u>		\$ 249,999.84
Trust Fund - Scholarships			
Balance on hand - July 1, 1983	\$ 31,677.73		
Receipts - July 1 - December 31, 1983	<u>3,863.37</u>		
			\$ 35,541.10
Distribution of Funds - Trust			
Heritage Bank for Savings-Reg. Sav.	536.92		
" " " -4 yr. cert.	2,000.00		
" " " -Special note	1,953.55		
" " " -3 yr. cert.	3,599.53		
" " " -30 month cert.	15,013.47		
Boston Five Cent Savings-Reg. Savings	800.00		
" " " -42 month cert.	<u>11,637.63</u>		\$ 35,541.10

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PVRSC - Report of the Treasurer
Fiscal Year 1983 - July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

Balance on hand July 1, 1982			
Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus		\$	246,221.90
Federal-State Program			
Title I - 1982	\$	16.79	
Title II		41.08	
Title III		927.62	
Title IV		6.63	
Title IV B 1980		3.11	
Title IV B 1982		29.90	
PL 94-142, 79-750-505-019-6		2.46	
PL 94-482, 80-750-505-031-6		(356.39)	
PL 94-482, 80-750-505-058-7		1,026.96	
PL 89-313, 200-067-2-0750-6		441.00	
PL 94-142, 240-109-2-0750-6		(463.98)	1,675.18
Special Funds			
School Lunch	(1,247.20)	
Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts		834.42	
Sale of Athletic Equipment		2,827.00	
School Band		663.57	
Student Scholarship Fund		1,360.85	
Operational Budget Assessment Reduction FY83		57,000.00	
			61,438.64
Receipts - Operational			309,335.72
State Reimbursements - Distributions			
Regional School Aid - Ch 71 (495)		89,511.00	
Regional School Aid - Ch 70		107,404.00	
Transportation - Ch 71		75,934.00	
State Wards - Ch-76		8,710.00	281,559.00

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Receipts - Operational (continue)		
Member Towns Assessment Payments		
Town of Bernardston	313,646.67	
Town of Leyden	81,551.36	
Town of Northfield	430,321.38	
Town of Warwick	70,255.64	895,775.05
Federal - State Programs		
Title I - 1983		
PL 94-482, 80-750-505-013-6	19,598.00	
PL 94-142, 240-109-2-0750-6	356.39	
PL 89-313, 200-042-3-0750-6	4,152.00	
PL 94-142, 240-119-3-0750-6	4,500.00	
PL 94-482, 400-051-3-0750-6	11,532.00	
PL 95-561, 401-7030-9728	3,162.00	
PL 97-35, Ch 2	2,998.00	
360-066-3-0750-7	8,963.00	
	641.00	55,902.39
Special Funds		
School Lunch		
Sales		
Federal - State Reimbursements	30,346.04	
Food Supplies Reimbursements	19,873.18	
Janitor Meals	637.07	
Petty Cash Return	403.80	
	50.00	51,310.09
Athletic Department - Gate Receipts		
Sales		
Petty Cash Return	1,408.12	
Sale of Athletic Equipment	150.00	
Student Scholarship Fund	555.00	1,558.12
	2,990.85	

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Receipts - Operational (continue)		
Special Funds - continue		
Drivers Education	78.00	
PVRS Computer Course	740.00	
PVRS Summer Computer Camp	675.00	
PVRS Adult Evening Courses	544.00	
PVRS Damage - Ins. Claim & Student Payment	220.04	
Insurance Refund - Blue Cross-Blue Shield	6,939.00	12,741.89
Other Receipts		
Sales Tax Collection - 5% Mass. Food	95.78	
Interest Income - Operating Budget	39,815.15	
Interest Income - Trust Fund & Scholarships	1,250.00	
N.E. Telephone - Reimbursement	29.92	
W.M.E.Co. - Refund	371.20	
Use of building	290.00	
Nurse's Supplies	51.85	
Tuitions	96.12	
Sale of Lockers	100.00	
Vendors Refunds	248.00	42,348.02
<u>Total Receipts & Holdings</u>		<u>\$1,341,194.56</u>
		<u>\$1,650,530.28</u>
Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus - FY 1983 Activity Schedule		
Balance on hand July 1, 1982	\$	246,221.90
Transfer funds per committee vote to:		
FY 1983 Assessment Reduction	101,963.95	
Budget #5000 account for copier	6,000.00	
Energy Projects	64,956.00	
Renovation Projects	7,315.00	
FY 1984 Assessment Reduction	20,000.00	200,234.95
		<u>45,986.95</u>

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Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus - (continue)		
Transfer from Estimated Receipts - Surplus FY83	60,347.35	
Transfer from Operating Budget - Surplus FY 83	70,472.78	130,820.13
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		<u>\$ 176,807.08</u>
Disbursements - Operational		
Operating Budget	\$	
#1000 Administration	40,990.89	
#2000 Instruction	828,378.48	
#3000 Other Services	136,704.66	
#4000 Operation & Maintenance	158,247.04	
#5000 Fixed Charges	77,669.99	
#7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	13,015.51	
#9000 Programs with other Schools	259.65	1,255,266.22
Federal - State Programs		
Title I - 1982	16.79	
Title II - 1983	19,361.75	
Title IV B - 1982	26.16	
PL 89-313, 200-067-2-0750-6	441.00	
PL 94-142, 240-109-2-0750-6	3,688.02	
PL 89-313, 200-042-3-0750-6	4,296.00	
PL 94-142, 240-119-3-0750-6	13,985.11	
PL 94-482, 400-051-3-0750-6	3,138.75	
PL 95-561,401-7030-9728	1,478.50	
PL 97-35, Ch 2	8,963.00	
360-066-3-0750-6	641.00	56,036.08

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Disbursements - Operational (continue)

Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Salaries	\$ 16,121.98		
Supplies	29,808.87		
Petty Cash	50.00	45,980.85	
Mass. 5% Food Tax	100.10	100.10	
Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts			
Sales	1,997.45		
Petty Cash	150.00	2,147.45	
Sale of Athletic Equipment	2,751.73	2,751.73	
Student Scholarship Funds			
Supplies	2,176.21		
Scholarships - Jennifer Finch	150.00		
Leslie Leavis	150.00		
Gaye LeBlanc	150.00	2,626.21	
Drivers Education	94.00		
PVRs Computer Course	660.00		
PVRs Adult Evening Course	543.00		
PVRs Damage - Ins. Claim & Student Payment	533.97		
Insurance Refund - Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,152.89		
Energy Account	62,045.00		
Renovation Account	6,924.70	74,953.56	
Other Disbursements			
Trust Funds - Scholarship Awards	1,250.00	1,250.00	\$1,441,112.20

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Balance on hand June 30, 1983		\$ 176,807.08
Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus		
Federal - State Programs		
Title I - 1983	236.25	
Title II	41.08	
Title III	927.62	
Title IV	6.63	
Title IV B 1980 - 95-561	3.11	
Title IV B 1982	3.74	
PL 94-482, 79-750-505-019-6	2.46	
PL 94-482, 80-750-505-058-7	1,026.96	
PL 89-313, 200-042-3-0750-6	204.00	
PL 94-142, 240-119-3-0750-6	(2,453.11)	
PL 94-482, 400-051-3-0750-6	23.25	
PL 95-561, 401-7030-9728	1,519.50	1,541.49
Special Funds		
School Lunch	4,082.04	
MASS. 5% Food Tax	(4.32)	
School Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts	245.09	
Sale of Athletic Equipment	630.27	
School Band	663.57	
Student Scholarship Fund	1,725.49	
Driver Education	(16.00)	
PVRS Computer Course	80.00	
PVRS Summer Computer Camp	675.00	
PVRS Adult Evening Course	1.00	
PVRS Damage - Ins. Claim & Student Payment	(313.93)	
Energy Account	2,911.00	

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Special Funds (continue)			
Renovation Account	390.30		
FY 1984 Budget Reserve	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>31,069.51</u>	<u>209,418.08*</u>
			<u>\$ 1,650,530.28</u>
Distribution of Cash as of June 30, 1983			
Operating Cash in Banks - June 30, 1983			
MMDT	\$ 284,677.71		
Shawmut Bank of Franklin County	<u>414.17</u>	285,091.88	
Less Disbursements as of June 30, 1983		<u>(75,673.80)</u>	
		<u>\$ 209,418.08*</u>	
Trust Funds - Scholarships			
Balance on hand July 1, 1982	\$ 17,038.02		
Receipts			
Interest on all Funds	1,848.71		
Donation - Bernardston Community Club	10.00		
Donation - Jackson/Hammond Family	<u>14,000.00</u>		
Donation - Tyler Family	25.00	<u>\$ 32,927.73</u>	
Disbursements - Scholarships			
Bernardston Community Club -- Alyson Cameron	200.00		
Theodore Cronyn - Joel Finnell	50.00		
Leonard Eastman - Gayle Ball	50.00		
Thaddeus Mark Ostrowski's			
Memorial Award - Edward Hogan	100.00		

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Disbursements - Scholarships (continue)

Tyler Memorial Award	- Kathy Bean	10.00
George A. Warner	- Julie Wood	40.00
George A. Warner	- Scott Bradley	800.00
		<u>1,250.00</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		<u>31,677.73</u>
		<u>\$ 32,927.73</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon L. Finnell,
District Treasurer





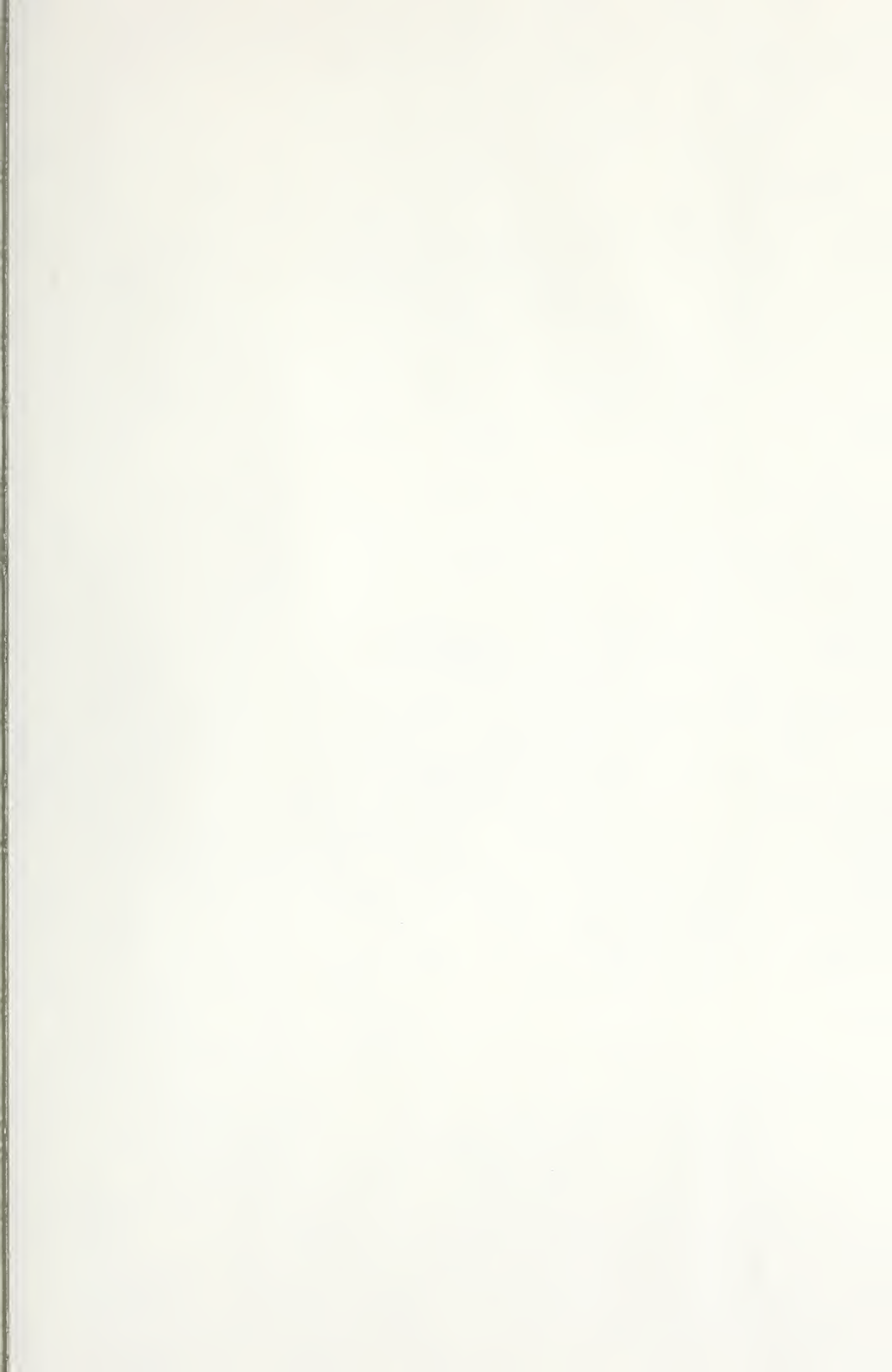
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